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SUBJECT: DC BAR ASSOCIATION TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN INVITED BY JOHANNESBURG BAR ASSOCIATION TO SEND A DELEGATION TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA. DC BAR ASSOCIATION HAS ACCEPTED AND A DELEGATION OF 16 PEOPLE IS PLANNING TO LEAVE FOR JOHANNESBURG ON OCT. 30. DC BAR ASSOCIATION HAS SOUGHT THE DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR THE GROUP. URGENCY STEMS FROM FACT THAT NEW YORK TRAVEL AGENCY ARRANGING TRIP REQUIRES ASSURANCES BY OCT 15 THAT GROUP MEMBERS WILL BE ISSUED VISAS OR AGENCY WILL NOT PUT UP NECESSARY FUNDS TO HOLD SEATS AND TRIP WILL FALL THROUGH. TRAVEL AGENCY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY SOUTH AFRICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK THAT VISAS CANNOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AUTHORITY FROM PRETORIA.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT FIVE MEMBERS OF GROUP WILL BE TRAVELING ON CU GRANTS AND BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN CONTACTING SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY HERE OVER LONG WEEKEND,  
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DEPT REQUESTS EMBASSY CONTACT INTERIOR DEPT. MORNING OF

OCT 14 TO URGE FAVORABLE DECISION ON VISAS AND EXPLAIN  
URGENCY OF INSTRUCTIONS BEING CABLED TO SOUTH AFRICAN  
CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK TO ISSUE VISAS. MEMBERS  
OF GROUP ARE WILLIAM BROWN, TYRONE BROWN, RONALD

DAVENPORT, GLENDORA PUTNAM, JUDGE LAURENCE PIERCE, MR.  
AND MRS. DAVID TATEL, WILLIAM OVERTON WHITE, CYNTHIA  
STRAKER, MIRIAM BENDER, JANE BENDER, KAREN BRUTTEN,  
RODERICK V.O. BOGGS, MR. AND MRS. JOHN NOLAN, AND  
JOSEPHINE THORNTON. IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED  
EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT SIDNEY KENTRIDGE, MEMBER OF  
JOHANNESBURG BAR COUNCIL, TELEPHONE 728-4379. INGERSOLL

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